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AND SELF DETERMINATION, TO TAKE MY PART IN GAZA TOGETHER WITH ISRAEL, THE PALESTINIANS AND THE U.N. TO INSURE SECURITY. AS TO THE WEST BANK, IN MY JUDGMENT, THE U.N. SHOULD INITIALLY TAKE OVER AS I HAVE AGREED WITH KING HUSSEIN. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, A QUADRIPARTITE ARRANGEMENT COULD BE MADE, INCLUDING THE U.N., ISRAEL, KING HUSSEIN, AND THE PALESTINIANS TO INSURE SECURITY FOR ISRAEL DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD IN THE WEST BANK.

I RECOGNIZE THAT SECURITY CONCERNS WOULD EXTEND BEYOND THE INTERIM PERIOD AND I AM CONFIDENT THEY WILL BE MET SATISFACTORILY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE ENTIRE PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED IN A FEW DAYS IF WE AGREE ON THE ELEMENTS OF A SETTLEMENT. MY VISIT TO ISRAEL HAS CREATED NEW FACTS AND CONCEPTIONS. ON THE EGYPTIAN SIDE WE NO LONGER HARBOR ANY BITTERNESS. WE ARE GOING AHEAD DESPITE OPPOSITION BY THE REJECTIONISTS.

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REGRETTABLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS NOT YET UNDERSTOOD THIS. IT STILL THINKS ONLY IN TERMS OF STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE AND CLAIMING OTHER'S LAND. BUT OUR LAND IS NOT SOMETHING WE CAN CONCEDE. EXCEPT FOR LAND AND

SOVEREIGNTY, I AM READY TO GIVE EVERYTHING IN THE NATURE OF PEACE AS I HAVE ALREADY PROVED BY GOING TO JERUSALEM, BY INVITING YOU TO ISMAILIA, AND BY ESTABLISHING DIRECT CONTACTS AT THE CAIRO CONFERENCE AND IN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEES.

I HAVE DONE THIS TO GIVE ISRAEL A SENSE OF SECURITY WHICH I REALISE IT NEEDED.

THE REJECTIONISTS AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE ACTIVE BUT WE ARE FACING THEM. TERRORISM LIKE THE MURDER OF YOUSSEF EL SIBAI WILL NOT CHANGE OUR RESOLVE TO REACH PEACE. BUT YOU, MR. PRIME MINISTER, SHOULD KNOW THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM CARDS TO PLAY AGAINST MY PEACE EFFORTS:

YOU HAVE MISQUOTED MY COMMENTS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENTS, CLAIMING THAT I WISHED TO BURN THEM. THE RECORD SHOWS THAT I NEVER USED THE TERM "BURN." I SIMPLY SAID THAT THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED AND THE AIRPORTS COULD BE PLOWED UNDER BY ISRAEL, AS IT HAS DONE IN 1957, IF IT IS CONCERNED THAT THEY MAY BE USED AS BASES AGAINST IT.

YOU HAVE ALSO PUBLICLY CLAIMED THAT I WENT BACK ON MY WORD CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY FORCES IN SINAI. I TOLD GAMASSY IN FRONT OF WEIZMAN THAT I HAD PROMISED YOU THAT MY MAIN FORCES WILL NOT EXCEED THE PASSES. I NEVER GO BACK ON MY WORD.

ALSO, A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN
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JERUSALEM, RADIO ISRAEL WAS REPORTING ABOUT SETTLEMENTS IN RAFAH, ON EGYPTIAN TERRITORY. IT MADE IT APPEAR TO THE WORLD, THAT ISRAEL WAS TRYING TO CREATE A FAIT ACCOMPLI. AND AGAIN NOW, WHILE ROY ATHERTON IS SHUTTling IN THE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO BRIDGE THE GAP, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF ISRAEL HAS CHOSEN THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT TO DECLARE IN FACT THAT IT IS PURSUING THE POLICY OF ESTABLISHING AND EXPANDING SETTLEMENTS, A POLICY THAT WAS DESCRIBED BY THE UNITED STATES AND BY THE WHOLE WORLD AS AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE.

MY INITIATIVE WAS TAKEN TO FACILITATE ALL OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL DOES NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE INTENTIONS BEHIND MY INITIATIVE.

AS FOR ME, I HAVE CHOSEN MY PATH. I WILL NOT LET DOWN THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS IN THE WORLD WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME. OTHERWISE, I WOULD HAVE DECLARED TO THE WORLD THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE. I AM NOT SEEKING TO PUT MINES ON THE

ROAD TO PEACE, AND THE PEACE INITIATIVE CAN CONTINUE. I
HAVE RISKED MUCH IN THIS INITIATIVE. THE SOVIET UNION
AND OTHERS ARE WORKING HARD TO PROVE I AM WRONG. BUT I
HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE THEM.

IF YOU ARE READY FOR REAL PEACE, I AM, AS I HAVE PROVED,
READY TOO. I AM READY, AS THE AMERICANS SAY, FOR "BIG
BUSINESS" IF YOU ARE TOO. IN THAT CASE OLD CONCEPTIONS
SHOULD BE DISCARDED, AND I AM READY TO TAKE MY FULL SHARE.
IF ON THE CONTRARY OLD CONCEPTIONS REMAIN, WE WILL BE
AGAIN IN A VICIOUS CIRCLE.
I HOPE, FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PEOPLES AND THE WHOLE WORLD,
THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH JUST AND LASTING PEACE.

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MOHAMED ANWAR EL SADAT. END QUOTE.

3. FYI: MAHER TOLD ME THAT SADAT HAD NOT SEEN ABOVE
TEXT, BUT KAMEL AND HE BELIEVE IT IS CONSISTENT WITH
INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT EARLIER TODAY. END
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